

175 5 For a hand-held mixer in accordance with the invention and a switching means configuration in accordance with the invention it has proved to be very advantageous when the interference-suppression means are also incorporated in the module because this results in a particularly simple construction, in which practically all the electrically relevant parts of the hand-held mixer, except for the motor, are combined to form an easy-to-mount module. However, it is to be noted that in the case of special requirements an interference suppression capacitor provided as interference suppression means may alternatively be arranged directly on the motor for a hand-held mixer in accordance with the invention, which capacitor can discharge via the motor windings, as a result of which no separate discharge resistor is needed in that case.

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Replace the paragraph at page 3, lines 19-22 as follows:

15 Furthermore, it has proved to be very advantageous when the module further comprises:
a supporting member bounded by a bounding surface,
electrically conductive contact strips connected to the supporting member in the area of the bounding surface and extending parallel to a strip direction,
a first slider which is guided so as to be movable relative to the supporting member parallel to the strip direction and which serves as a mating-contact holder and carries at least two mating contacts which are interconnected in an electrically conductive manner, which cooperate with the contact strips and which together with the contact strips) form the speed switching means,
a second slider which is guided so as to be movable relative to the supporting member and which serves as switching actuator, and
20 a switching contact which is disposed in the path of movement of the second slider and which forms part of the start means.

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Tests have proved that these embodiments are particularly advantageous, especially in view of a simple construction and a very low susceptibility to faults.

30 Replace the paragraph at page 9, lines 17-30 as follows:

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The first module 9 further includes a second slider 116, which is movable relative to the supporting member 85 and which serves as a switch actuator. In the area of its end 117 the second slider 116 has a laterally projecting limb 118. The limb 118 is disposed in the path of movement of the lever arm 25 of the second movable actuating means 21, which are movable with the aid of the second switching handle 24 against the force exerted by the return spring 21A. In the area of its other end 119 the second slider 116 is connected to a substantially U-shaped member 120 whose limb 121, which is remote from the second slider 116 serves to and is adapted to cooperate with the actuating pin 101 of the microswitch 100. A return spring 123 for the second slider 116 is attached to a pin 112, which projects from the second slider 116, and has its other end attached to a pin 124, which projects from a cover 125 of the first module 9. The cover 125 is locked to the supporting member 85 with the aid of latching projections 126, 127, 128 and 129. The parts of the first module 9 which lie between the supporting member 85 and the cover 125 are retained and partly guided with the aid of the cover 125.

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Replace the paragraph at page 10, lines 3-13 as follows:

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In the hand-held mixer 1 shown in Fig. 1 the speed switching means 60 and the start means 61 form a switching means configuration 130 realized by means of a single module, namely by means of the first module 9. In addition to the switching means configuration 130, this first module 9 has two mains terminals 10 and 11 and the interference suppression means 16, which has proved to be advantageous in view of a simple and compact construction. Combining the two mains terminals 10 and 11, the interference suppression means 16, the speed switching means 60 and the start means 61 to the first module 9 also has the advantage of a substantially simpler mounting and the advantage of a substantially higher reliability. Moreover, this is achieved in that between the first module 9 and the motor 27 of the hand-held mixer 1 only a small number of connecting leads which are external to the first module are required.

IN THE CLAIMS

Cancel claims 1-12, and add claims 13-27 as follows:

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